

Mt 24-25: Jesus' last major sermon; given privately to the 12

Last words to crowds (23.37-39):

- **Lament** – how often I longed to gather you together but you were not willing
- **Prediction**
 - Destruction of Temple - this house will be left to you desolate
 - Withdrawal – you will not see Me again until ...

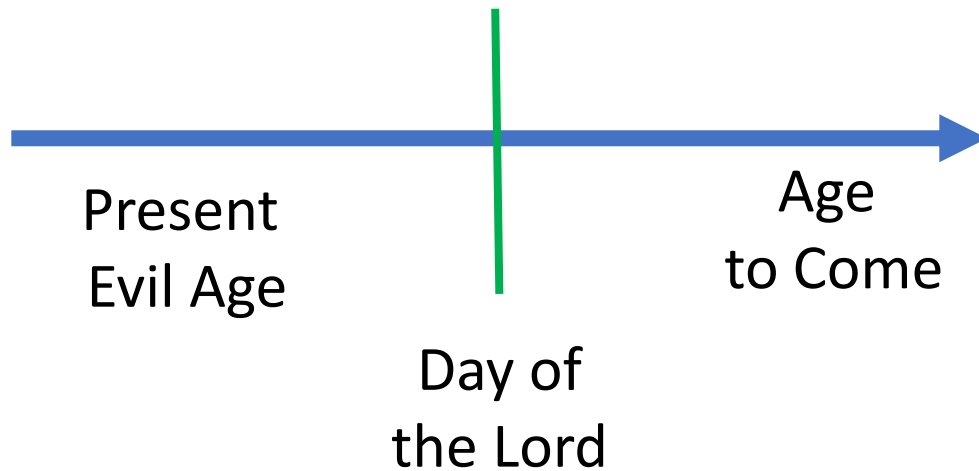
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Disciples asking two questions –

- When will the Temple be destroyed?
- What will be the sign of Jesus' return and the End of the Age

Jewish conception of history



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Birth pains experienced by the world

- False Messiahs – people claiming to be sent by God as deliverers
- International hostility and conflict
- Natural disasters

Birth pains experienced by the Church

- Persecution
- False prophets/deception
- Turning away from Jesus
- Gospel to the nations

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Two explicit commands:

Watch out that no one deceives you

- Best protection against deception is knowing the Truth (Jesus)

See to it that you do not become alarmed (frightened)

- Jesus promises to never leave us or forsake us
- Our Father is:
 - All-wise
 - All-powerful
 - All-good

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Two implicit commands

Stand firm – endure in face of opposition/difficulty

- We choose to stand firm and God will enable us to do so

Spread the Gospel

- Share your testimony
- Do your deal

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